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## THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AT CINCINNATI.

The great struggle among the Radical chiefs is over, and none of them have won. The race is not the swift nor the strong but the who could stay and how his time in the mutual antipathies and jealousies of the more noted combatants had broken down their strength, has at length walked over the course.

The nominees of the Republican party as candidates for the presidency are Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, and William A. Wheeler, of New York.

It is always of interest to study the working of the machinery by which a great party tries to bring its best or most available man to the front, and as in this instance we are at least impartial, not wishing any one of the candidates to win, perhaps our readers will be willing to accept our guidance in following out the process.

Long before voting commenced it was evident that Mr. Blaine was the favorite of the largest number of delegates, and many supposed that he would be nominated on the first ballot.

This was not to be. A majority of all was required for a nomination and he got only 255—while 379 was necessary to elect him. He gave the votes of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 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Next in order was the nomination for Vice President. It was soon settled; the nomination of a western man for President, almost necessarily gave that of the Vice to New York and fell to Mr. Wheeler, as a matter of course.

It only remains that we say a few words about the antecedents of the nominees.

Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes, was before the war a lawyer practicing in Cincinnati—the war was the first cause that rendered him at all conspicuous—he received a wound in the arm at the battle of South Mountain.

He was soon after the war elected to Congress as representative from the 2nd Ohio district; where he was only noted for giving a strictly party vote on all occasions. He was re-elected in 1868. It was not, however, till 1869 when the division of the Democratic party on the currency question on which Messrs. Allen and Thurman took different sides gave Mr. Hayes an easy victory over Thurman for Governor which he still holds, having been re-elected twice, once over Gen. Rosecrans and again over Mr. Allen—thus having beaten successively both the leaders of the divided Ohio Democracy.

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Magnanimity of Orpheus—Freely give the use of his name—State Debt paid.

Well—Miss OFFICE has not found me yet. This is strange, for I have not been hiding out. As I intimated in my last, I am willing to be found. Of course I do not desire the nomination for county representative, or in fact, any office whatever, but when Miss OFFICE is seeking some one to take to her embraces, I cannot see why I, as a free-born citizen, panoplied all over with Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence, should be required to get out of the way! And I don't intend to do it! I have just as many civil rights dating from the fourth of July, 1776, as anybody else; and among them, is the right of holding office. If she don't want me to hold her, she had better not run against me. That's all. A man can't stand everything. As a good citizen I would be compelled to surrender.

You have been expecting a call from my friends, doubtless, to allow the use of my name before a nominating convention for county representative. I regret to have to say, that the negotiation mentioned in my last, still hangs fire; especially as the election day is only six months in the future. This rule of yours, requiring a citizen of this one-hundred and thirty-five years old, to pay for calls on a friend to run for office, I find to be shamefully inconvenient. Of course the convention is welcome to the use of my name, if it will do that body any good. I have no right to withhold it. Originally, my name did not cost me a cent, and so far, it has not risen in value. They have to get along with "the combined working of the National and State governments," which nobody can deny.

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